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Planning Ahead Saves Money

Does your home need improvement? Are you planning to add on to
your home? Before investing in architectural plans, make sure your
ideas do not conflict with the City of Edina’s zoning ordinances.

Have in hand a current survey of your property. Be sure what you want
fits into your lot lines – front, side and back. The height of a building
addition might also be limited. Have a clear idea of your project and its
limitations before meeting with an architect. Present the architect with
that information before plans are drawn.

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*For more information on Edina’s zoning ordinance, contact the Planning
Department, 952-826-0369.*

JULY 2002

About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Noon, Cathy & Tom, Centennial Lakes Park.	2 7 p.m., Edina City Council and HRA, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.	3 7 p.m., Cromulent Shakespeare Company, “The Twelfth Night,” Centennial Lakes Park.	4 Independence Day. Most City offices closed. 10 a.m., Parade.	5	6 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
7 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders, Centennial Lakes Park.	8 7 p.m., Larry McDonough, Centennial Lakes Park.	9 Noon, Kristi’s Kid Songs, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.	10 7 p.m., Bloomington Medalist Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	11 Noon, David Walbridge and “The Big Fun Show,” Centennial Lakes Park.	12	13
14 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	15 7 p.m., Medicine Show Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	16 Noon, Wonderful World of Woody, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Edina City Council and HRA, Edina City Hall.	17 7 p.m., Claire Van der Crommert, Centennial Lakes Park.	18 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	19	20
21 7 p.m., Shakespeare in the Park, “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Centennial Lakes Park.	22 7 p.m., Zuhrah Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	23 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	24 7 p.m., Die Bavarian Musik Meisters, Centennial Lakes Park.	25 Noon, Wiggle, Jiggle & Jam, Centennial Lakes Park.	26	27 1:30 p.m., Senior Celebration featuring the Rhinestone Rockettes, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
28 7 p.m., Northern Winds Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	29 7 p.m., Honeywell Concert Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	30 Noon, Mike Monson Juggler, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.	31 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., John Downing Singer/Songwriter, Centennial Lakes Park.			

AUGUST 2002

About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Noon, Kit & Kaboodle, Centennial Lakes Park. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	2	3 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist appointments, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
4 7 p.m., Minneapolis Police Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	5 7 p.m., Sentimental Swing, Centennial Lakes Park.	6 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.	7 7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Flames, Centennial Lakes Park.	8 Noon, Bob the Beachcomber, Centennial Lakes Park.	9	10 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
11 7 p.m., Stan Bann Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	12 7 p.m., Brio Brass, Centennial Lakes Park.	13 Noon, Will Hale & the Tadpole Parade, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Park Board, Centennial Lakes Park.	14 7 p.m., The music of Glen Helgeson with Gary Shulte, Centennial Lakes Park.	15 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	16	17 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
18 8:30 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	19 7 p.m., Czechoslovak, Centennial Lakes Park.	20 Noon, Gary Vice Juggler, Centennial Lakes Park. 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall.	21 7 p.m., Dr. Tone & the Rhythm Thang, Centennial Lakes Park.	22 Noon, Alpha Bits Band, Centennial Lakes Park.	23	24 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.
25 7 p.m., Southside Big Band, Centennial Lakes Park. 8 p.m., Edina Aquatic Center closes for the season.	26 7 p.m., Triplicate, Centennial Lakes Park.	27 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	28 7 p.m., Planning Advisory Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Katie Tessman, Centennial Lakes Park.	29 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center. Noon, Kristi’s Kid Songs, Centennial Lakes Park.	30	31 7 p.m., Jim Shannon “Strolling Piano,” Centennial Lakes Park.

SEPTEMBER 2002

About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day observed. Most City offices closed.	3 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Jim Emery, Edinborough Park.	4	5 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Don Carlson Magic Show, Edinborough Park.	6	7
8	9	10 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Larry McDonough, Edinborough Park.	11 7 p.m., Park Board, Weber Park.	12	13	14 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist appointments, Edina Senior Center.
15 7 p.m., Good News Big Band, Edinborough Park.	16	17 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 pm., Community Health Committee, Edina City Hall.	18	19 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	20	21
22 7 p.m., Honeywell Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	23	24 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall.	25	26 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center.	27	28
29	30					

Summer Calendar Highlights

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:


- July 2
Noon, Radio Disney's Jazzy Jake,
Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 9
1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic,
Edina Senior Center.
- July 16
7 p.m., Steve Hegman "Strolling Piano,"
Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 18
Noon, Freshwater Pearls Puppet Theater,
Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 23
Noon, Annette Fragale & Friends,
Centennial Lakes Park.
- July 23
7 p.m., Steve Hegman "Strolling Piano,"
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 13
1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic,
Edina Senior Center.
- Aug. 13
7 p.m., Jim Shannon "Strolling Piano,"
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 15
Noon, Children's Music with Bruce Bell,
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 20
7 p.m., Jim Shannon "Strolling Piano,"
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 27
Noon, Annette Fragale & Friends,
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Aug. 27
7 p.m., Jim Shannon "Strolling Piano,"
Centennial Lakes Park.
- Sept. 5
1-3 p.m., Hearing Tests,
Edina Senior Center.
- Sept. 17
7 p.m., Theresa Manzella,
Edinborough Park.
- Sept. 24
7 p.m., Northstar Barbershop Chorus,
Edinborough Park.

LIGHTHOUSE NIGHT

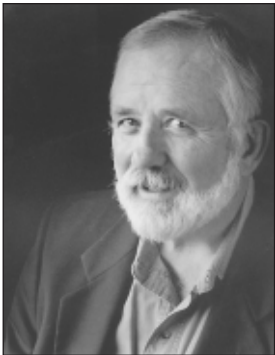
- What:
Started by the Edina Model Yacht Club,
Lighthouse Night has become an annual event
at Centennial Lakes Park. More than 100 Tiki
Torches will burn behind the Centrum and the
park's special lighting will be highlighted. At
8 p.m., there will be open boating in the Central
Pond for model yachts. The First John Philip
Sousa Memorial Band will perform in the
amphitheater at 8:30 p.m. At dusk, the boats
from the Edina Model Yacht Club will light up
the lake. Interior cockpit and cabin lights,
exterior position and navigation running lights,
search lights and floodlights will shimmer off
the water. The backdrop will be a floating and
fully operational scaled model of a lighthouse.
In addition, fireworks will light the evening sky.
- When:
Sunday, Aug. 18
- Where:
Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S.
- Info:
952-832-6789

A Word From The Mayor

- Last week, a group of schoolchildren came to visit me. I would have liked to have had things looking a little better around here before they came. Walls are cracking. My ceilings are low in places and water-damaged in others. Papers and other things are stacked up in corners because I don't have any place to put them. I can't even shut some of my closets because I have furniture in them!
- Sometimes, people who use wheelchairs have to go outside to get from one room to another.
- My hired help doesn't complain too much, but they don't have much space in which to work. Some of my help works in those open closets, including my security personnel and the man who helps fix my computers!
- When I was younger, there was plenty of space here, but that was in the 1950s.
- There have been times that people have come to visit when they've exclaimed, "What a dump!" I looked into having another renovation, but I don't think I can afford it. Besides, I'm told that a major renovation wouldn't even be able to fix everything around here.
- I'm getting older now. It's getting harder and harder for me to take on visitors. Maybe someone else should start doing my job.
- If the walls of Edina City Hall could talk, that's what I think they would be saying.
- City Hall is the hub of local government. It is where building permits are issued, recreation programs coordinated and taxes paid. It is where voters register, plans drawn and countless

- meetings held. Every day, things happen at City Hall that affect residents and business people. While Edina and its City services have grown in the past 50 years, the building has not.
- More than a year ago, the Edina City Council began plans to renovate the former Edina Community Library for use as a police station. Once the police station was complete, work was to have begun on a City Hall renovation.
- This spring, construction bids for the police station project came in much higher than anticipated. Since those bids came in high, there is no doubt the City Hall project would have come in over budget, too. Even with a major renovation, problems with the current building cannot be corrected. In addition, because of its split-level, the building would never be user-friendly to someone with a disability.
- The City Council is now moving forward with a plan to construct a new building on the property. The building will house City Hall operations, as well as a new police station. Construction is anticipated to begin before the end of the year.
- Edina streets, utilities, parks and public buildings such as Edina City Hall are the essential components of the foundation of our community. We are anxious to build a new City Hall that improves the foundation, serves you better and ensures that Edina continues to be the preeminent place in the metropolitan area.
- 
Dennis F. Maetzold
Mayor

Cahill Settlement Was New Home For Irish Immigrant Farmers In Mid-1850s Edina



By Joe Sullivan, Freelance Writer and Edina resident

Editor's Note: The following is Part One of a two-part series about some of the 26 Irish immigrant families who were among Edina's first settlers in the 1850s. Part II will appear in the fall 2002 issue of About Town.

Ever wondered why so many streets in southwest Edina have Irish names? Many of them are either named for the Irish families who were among our City's earliest settlers or for places in Ireland where those pioneers had lived before immigrating to the United States in the mid-1850s.

Even before the Edina mill was built on Minnehaha Creek in 1856, Irish immigrant farmers, many fleeing from a devastating potato famine in Ireland, were among the earliest of Edina's settlers. Most had claimed farmland along both sides of Nine Mile Creek where they formed the Cahill Community in what was then the southwest section of Richfield Township.

The Cahill settlement was named for the Rev. Thomas Cahill, a Roman Catholic priest who worked as a missionary in southern Minnesota and ministered to the spiritual needs of the community centered around what is now West 70th Street and Cahill Road.

Edina Streets Named for Irish Families or Places:

Family Names

Blake Road
Cahill Road
Darcy Lane
Dawson Lane
Delaney Boulevard
Duggan Plaza
Gallagher Drive
Gleason Road,* Circle, Terrace
Green Farms Road, Court
Mackey Avenue
McCauley Trail, Circle, Terrace
McGuire Road
Moore Avenue
Parnell Avenue
Payton Court
Prescott Circle
Roberts Place
Ryan Avenue
Shane Drive

Family Names

Shannon Drive, Circle
Shaughnessy Road
Tracy Avenue
Warren Avenue
Weston Circle

Place Names

Antrim Road, Circle, Court
Dublin Road, Circle
Erin Terrace
Galway Drive
Lee Valley Road, Circle**
Limerick Drive, Lane, Circle
Londonderry Road, Drive
Tara Road
Tralee Drive
Waterford Court
Wexford Road

** Gleason Road once formed the eastern border of the Gleeson farm. It was misspelled by Edina Village officials when they named it for the Gleeson family.*

*** The River Lee runs through Ireland's County Cork. I have visited the 400-year-old farmhouse near the Lee that's still occupied by descendants of my Duggan ancestors, who came to the United States in the mid-1800s.*

Cahill was a small, cohesive rural community. The Irish Catholic farm families who settled there were readily identified as a "geographically concentrated minority," according to Paul D. Hesterman in his book *History of Edina, Minnesota*. They would continue to be a dominant factor in Edina's government, politics and everyday life in these parts for more than 100 years.

St. Patrick's Parish Was Formed in 1854

"St. Patrick's parish was started in 1854, virtually as soon as the first Irish arrived," Hesterman wrote. That was a mere two years after the federal government had moved a Native American Sioux tribe from the land and only three years after the formation of the Roman Catholic diocese of St. Paul. St. Patrick's was the second Catholic parish formed in Hennepin County, which had become a county in 1852.

The parish's first masses, held in the homes of Irish settlers John Duggan, Sr., and John Burke, were offered by the Rev. Fayolle of Padua parish in Minneapolis, which tended the fledgling St. Patrick's as a mission parish.

In 1857, one year before Minnesota became a state, a tiny log building became Edina's first St. Patrick's Catholic Church. It was moved to what is now 70th and Wooddale Avenue on land donated by the Delaney, Fogarty, Ryan and Slavin (or Slaven) families.

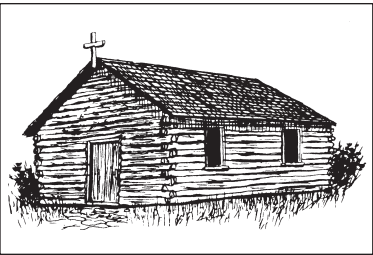
"The church was Cahill's center of community life," Bill Duggan, Jr., great-grandson of Edina pioneer John Duggan, Sr., recalled in a 1995 interview. "Our whole social life was the church," he said. Bill, Jr., was a member of St. Patrick's

until his death in January 1996.

Cahill Area Known as 'Hard Scrabble Hill'

This part of the former Richfield Township is a hilly area. In the mid-1850s, it was full of rocks and boulders and often referred to as "Hard Scrabble Hill." Most of the Irish farmers had homesteaded on 160-acre plots along Nine Mile Creek, which were not considered suitable for raising most crops. But an abundance of hay grew wild in the area and there was plenty of firewood to be cut.

The land was cheap — selling for about \$1.25 an acre, which made the Cahill area very attractive to the Irish families who started farms there. It was tough, subsistence farming, but if a hardworking farmer and his family could raise a few chickens, fatten up a



This log cabin was Edina's first St. Patrick's Church.



The second St. Patrick's Church had a tall steeple. Built in 1884 at 70th and Cahill, it burned in 1924.



25 St. Patrick's parishioners faced the rear of their tall-steepled church for this 1890s photo.



Duggan family photo

The Duggan's farmhouse on 70th was razed in the 1950s to make way for two residential areas known today as Nob Hill and Brookview Heights.

cow or a pig and grow some potatoes, they could get by.

The Duggan family farmed 245 acres on the west side of Normandale Road (now Minnesota Highway 100) from 66th Street south to 70th, Bill Duggan, Jr., said.

“There’s still a clump of trees about two blocks west of the highway and about a block north of 70th where our farmhouse was. I was born and raised there,” he recalled. Four generations of Duggans lived in that house.

Many Cahill Residents Became Village Officials

In a 1982 *Minneapolis Star* interview Bill Duggan, Jr., said, “The Irish immigrants had been a downtrodden people. When they got here, they had freedom for the first time in their lives. Many of them could now vote and do other things that we take for granted. They stuck together and helped one another here. They were very strong-minded, strong-willed and stubborn,” he concluded.

John J. Duggan, Sr., the pioneer settler’s son, was elected treasurer of the Village of Edina in 1921 and served continuous terms for 34 years. Other Irish farmers were

also elected to village offices and to the local school board. In a 1959 *Edina/Morningside Courier* article, Mary Ellen (Mae) Duggan, John’s wife, remembered that in the early days on the farm, entertainment was far different than it was in the 1950s. “Square dancing and just plain chatter were pursuits that children and grownups alike participated in and found great fun,” she added. “Most people were far better in spelling in the old days, because [of] the spelling bees held in the old Cahill School.”

Mae Duggan had other fond memories of the way kids grew up in early Edina. “The children used Nine Mile Creek as an ice skating resort and after school [you could find] them skating as soon as the ice had frozen over.



Duggan family photo

John J. Duggan, Sr., was elected village treasurer in 1921 and served until he died in 1955.



Duggan family photo

This 1930s photo of the Duggan family includes (from left) Bill, Dick, their mother Mary Ellen (Mae), Kathleen, John, Jr., Mary Jeane and their father John, Sr.

Our children had Shetland ponies and they rode them whenever and wherever possible. Highway 100 didn’t exist, and the older folks felt they got as much out of hitching up ‘Old Dobbin’ as the new car they just bought gives them today,” she said.

She also recalled that there was nothing but farms when she first came to Edina in the early 1900s. “But [in the 1950s] the building boom struck ... The farms went away one by one ... More than 400 homes have taken their place on land that was once farmland in our neighborhood.”

Delaneys Came From Ireland in 1844

Michael and Mary Delaney emigrated from Ireland and landed in St. Louis in 1844. They eventually continued up the Mississippi River to St. Anthony Village, which later became the city of Minneapolis. At the time, there was only one sawmill, one general store and a handful of houses in St. Anthony.

Michael Delaney operated the first horse-and-wagon freight operation from the St. Paul steamboat landing to St. Anthony. His family built a shack on land at Eighth Avenue and Sixth Street in what would become downtown Minneapolis, not realizing that it was part of the Fort Snelling military reservation at the time. Soldiers were sent from the fort to clear the land of families that were living there. The Delaneys’ household goods were set out in the open and their only home was torn down.

They headed southwest and stopped to spend the night at the Cahill Settlement. They saw open, rolling prairie and timber,

so Michael Delaney “pre-empted” land for a farm in 1854 and soon put up a house near 70th and Wooddale Avenue. Parts of their farm remained in the Delaney family for 138 years.

School District 16 Was All-Irish

In a 1932 interview, pioneer Michael Delaney’s son James T. Delaney, Sr., recalled an early village meeting attended by his father and other residents of the Cahill Settlement to decide where the line separating School Districts 16 and 17 should be drawn. “One of the Scottish farmers [in north] Edina objected to the inclusion of his land in District 16 on the grounds that the other residents were all Irish, and he felt that his vote in the meetings would not count,”



Edina Historical Society photo

This house was built by the Delaneys in 1854 near 70th and Wooddale. It was the first house built in Edina.

James Delaney said. So they drew the district line around the north side of the northernmost Irish farms in Edina, which resulted in a very crooked boundary between the two school districts.

“There weren’t any roads — just trails — when we were boys,” Jim, Sr., recalled in a 1942 *Minneapolis Star* article. “People who lived on opposite sides of Minnehaha Creek



Edina Historical Society photo

James T. Delaney, Sr., and his new bride Catherine (Ryan) Delaney left St. Patrick's Church in a horsedrawn carriage on their wedding day, July 18, 1898.

didn't see each other very often because the creek was too deep and wide to ford and the only bridges were at Lyndale Avenue and the Edina Mill."

In a 1996 interview, Jim Sr.'s son John (Jack) Delaney, the last living grandson of

Michael Delaney, said, "Our farmhouse was located about a block south of 70th Street, on the west edge of what is now the Cornelia School grounds." There is still a large, wooded mound there that was the site of a cemetery where some of the early pioneers are buried. The entrance road to the Delaney farm passed just west of the knoll.

Farm Life Was Hard, But Not All Work

The pioneer families of the Cahill Community worked long, hard days. But it wasn't all hard work. In the 1932 interview, James Delaney, Sr., recalled, "Our amusements were dancing and the [annual] 4th of July celebration. The dancing was usually at neighbors' houses. We danced in the kitchens, which usually accommodated one square dance set ... The July 4th celebration was usually a picnic at Bush Lake or Lake Cornelia. No fireworks in those days."

Darcy Family Donated Land for First Cahill School

Hugh Darcy (or Dorcy), also immigrated to Edina from Ireland in the 1850s. His farm was west of what is now Highway 100, on the north side of Nine Mile Creek. A second parcel was south of today's 70th and west of the bridge over the creek.

On June 27, 1864, Hugh Darcy deeded two acres of his land on the southeast corner of 70th and Cahill to School District 16 for the princely sum of \$5. It was on this land that the one-room, frame Cahill School was built.

Hugh Darcy's son Mose built the first Cahill Store on farmland originally claimed by his father at 70th and Cahill. The store was located diagonally across the intersection from the steepled St. Patrick's church.

A fire destroyed the Cahill Store in 1918, but the Darcys rebuilt it on the original site. Neither electricity nor telephones were available to most Cahill families until the mid-1930s.

The Cahill Store also served as a social center



Delaney family photo

Four generations of Delaneys were in this 1964 photo: (from left) Jim Delaney, Jr., his mother Catherine (Ryan) Delaney, Jim's daughter Mary Zweber and Mary's oldest son Dan.

where dances were sometimes held on the second floor. The Darcys operated the store until 1944 when John Cameron – father of Don Cameron, a retired Edina teacher who still lives in the community – bought it.

A 1965 *Edina Courier* article said about the new 70th and Cahill intersection: "Where there used to be a quaint crossroads, a store with a one-room school across the road and a wood frame church ... now exist streamlined shops, expansive parking lots, a group of service stations and on the hill [to the west] a rambling [new Cahill] school building. (All of my five kids attended that "new Cahill School," which was torn down in 1990 to make way for the condominiums and townhouses that are now there.)



The Cahill Store had an outdoor pay phone that served most area residents' needs.

Background material and photographs for this article came from the archival collections of the Edina Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Patrick's Church of Edina, the Duggan and Delaney families and the following publications: "The History of Edina, Minnesota," by Paul D. Hesterman; "Edina: As Surveyed by the Edina League of Women Voters"; "The History of Edina, Minnesota: 1822-1966" a video by Joe Sullivan and Gene Updike; "History of Minneapolis and Hennepin County, Minnesota," published in 1914; NewsNet, a publication of St. Patrick's Church of Edina; the Edina/Morningside Courier; the Edina Courier and the Minneapolis Star.

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Home Rehab Funds for Qualified Edina Home Owners



You may qualify for up to \$20,000 to make repairs or necessary improvements to your Edina home through the **Hennepin County Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program.**

This program provides deferred repayment funds on a first-come-first-served basis to people who can show financial need. If you would like to receive information, income guidelines, qualification summaries, interest rates, and applications, please call Associate Planner Joyce Repya at the Edina Planning Department, (952) 826-0462. Dozens of Edina residents have protected the value of their homes by using this program. If your primary residence is located in Edina and needs repair or structural improvements, please give Joyce a call.



**CITY OF EDINA
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

It's Not Only Neighborly ... It's The Law

Lawn-Watering

Spring rainfall can be unpredictable. In order to ensure an adequate water supply for late summer, Edina’s odd-even sprinkling policy for residential and commercial properties goes into effect May 1 and continues through August.

Properties with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns on even-numbered dates. Residences and businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered dates. So, the property at 4545 W. 77th St. could be watered on odd-numbered dates – May 1, 3, 5 and so on.

Utilities Superintendent Roger Glanzer reminds property owners that some automatic sprinkler systems must be reset at the end of months that have 31 days because there are two odd-numbered dates in a row.

Glanzer pointed out that rain sensors can be purchased for automatic sprinkler systems. “Rain sensors for automatic sprinkler systems cost \$100-150,” he said. “If installed properly, they can pay for themselves in about a year.” Quickly repairing or disabling broken water heads can also minimize utility bills.

Glanzer also offers the following tips for effective watering:

- Do your lawn sprinkling early in the morning, between 4 and 6 a.m., when water demand is low. After about 10 a.m., both heat and evaporation go up, robbing the lawn of moisture.

- Water your lawn when it needs it, rather than on a set schedule. One sign that a lawn needs water is when it lacks enough moisture to spring back after you walk on it. If it stays flat, it is time to water.
- Adjust lawn watering to the weather. Following a heavy rain, skip your regular watering day until the grass needs it again.
- Check sprinkler heads periodically to make sure they haven’t shifted direction to spray water on the side of a building, parking lot or sidewalk instead of the lawn.

If the weather becomes exceptionally dry for an extended period of time, additional water restrictions might be put into place by the City.

Information: Utilities Superintendent Roger Glanzer, 952-826-0311.

Garage Sales

Garage or yard sales are a great way to clean out your house, meet your neighbors and make some extra money. If you plan to have a sale at your home this year, please be aware of the following rules:



- You may conduct only one sale per year at your home, lasting no more than 72 consecutive hours.
- Items offered for sale must be owned by the owner of the premises or by friends of the owner.
- Items offered for sale must not have been bought for resale or received on consignment for the purpose of resale.
- Signs may be erected on the premises where the sale is taking place. No off-site signs are allowed.
- No signs may be posted on the road right-of-way (the city-owned property 15 feet in from residential curbs) or on telephone poles.

Information: Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.

Signs

Signs can negatively impact the aesthetics in an area and, in some cases, pose a safety hazard. As a result, most portable signs are prohibited in the City of Edina.

Contractors are allowed to erect a portable sign on property where work is being done. However, the sign must be removed when work is complete. So, a construction company could put a sign in the yard of a home where an addition is being built, but the sign must be taken down when the project is finished. A lawn care company could erect a sign in a yard being mowed, but it must be taken down before the contractor leaves for the day.

Real estate signs are not considered “portable” under the Edina City Code. Those signs are addressed by another local ordinance.

Campaign signs are the only signs allowed in the public right-of-way. The dates such signs can be put up are restricted and can be done only with permission of the abutting property owner.

Information: Associate Planner Joyce Repya, 952-826-0462.

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Hot Happenings In Park And Recreation

The City of Edina Park and Recreation Department has many programs and activities to keep youth active during the summer months.

Playground Program

Playground Program days are filled with games, activities and special events. The program is open to youth ages 6 to 10 and is held at several City parks, with a special program for youth ages 9 to 12 at Countryside Park. Regular attendance is not mandatory. Children can come and play when convenient.

Countryside Park will be the home site for youth ages 9 to 12 participating in the Playground Program. Older youth can hang with their friends, play games and participate in special events. Staff will make up new games and play old favorites. Arts and crafts will also enhance the day.

Cost is \$20 per session. There is a minimum and maximum number of participants per location.

Mini Hawks

An introductory program for young children, Mini Hawks helps children explore soccer, baseball and basketball at Edinborough Park. There is no pressure, just lots of fun while young athletes participate in all three sports through unique Skyhawks camp games. Staff has been trained to meet the special needs of young children and is committed to help children start off on the right foot as they take their first steps into athletics. The staff-to-participant ratio is 8:1. The program will run 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 5-9. Cost is \$85 per participant. There is a minimum and maximum number of participants for the program.

Become a Magician

Through the Become a Magician program, youth in Grades 2 through 6 can experience what few ever have – personal magic instruction. With help from an instructor, the small group of 15 will learn how to perform and present magic and how to talk in front of an audience. The class will be held 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. August 13-15 at Walnut Ridge Park in the warming house. Cost is \$28 per participant.

Balloon Sculpturing

Twelve-year-old Magician Matt Dunn is offering his instruction in balloon sculpturing for youth in Grades 2 through 6. Participants will sculpt rabbits, alligators and parrots, among other things. In this two-day class, held noon to 2 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14, children will also learn how to perform in front of a group. Each participant will receive 100 balloons and a pump. Cost is \$19 per person.

Chess in the Park

Checkmate! The Edina Chess Association will provide children with a game to play outdoors this summer — chess. Chess will be offered at Rosland Park 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday July 9 through Aug. 29. The program has been designed for children, but anyone is welcome to play. Although some chess sets will be provided, children should bring their own if they have one. One or two adults will be there to teach some skills. Registration is not necessary. For more information, check out the Edina Chess Association’s website, www.edinachess.org.

To register for any of the above programs, visit the Park and Recreation office at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the Park and Recreation Department, 952-826-0367.

Fishing Clinic

Children can learn the art of fishing at clinics held at Centennial Lake Park. Participants will play interactive games, participate in habitat site studies, get their hands dirty handling bait and have the opportunity to get the catch of the day.



Fishing Clinic



Fishing Clinic

In addition to instruction, each child will receive a fishing starter tackle box. There will be one clinic in June and another in July. The fee is \$5 per child. Adults are free and welcome. For more information or to register, contact Special Events Coordinator Stacy Maas, 952-832-6789.

Braemar Ice Arena

Registration for fall skating lessons will be held Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Arena. Lessons begin in mid-September. For public skating times, call 952-941-1322, or visit the Arena’s website, www.braemar-arena.com. A complete listing of ice rental and lesson information is available.



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City Thanks Volunteers At 23rd Annual Reception

“Welcome to Edina.”

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“From the youth perspective ... ”

“I’d love to help.”

To the people who regularly say these phrases, the City of Edina recently answered back, “thank you.”

Edina Mayor Dennis Maetzold presented the Mayor’s Service Club Commendation, Individual Service Commendation, Outstanding Senior Commendation, Youth Commendation and Community Involvement Commendations at Edina’s All-Volunteer Awards Reception April 18 at Edinborough Park. Nearly 300 people attended the evening reception inside the park’s Great Hall.

Mayor’s Service Club Commendation

Awarded to a club or organization that has made outstanding contributions to the community through its regular activities or through special projects.

Edina Newcomers and Friends was this year’s recipient of the prestigious award. With the mission to seek out women who wish to establish a local social network, the

club has been welcoming new people to the community with a variety of daytime, evening and weekend activities since 1952. Many of the club’s activities encourage newcomers to get to know the Twin Cities metropolitan area while establishing a supportive social network.

Mayor’s Individual Service Commendation

Awarded to an individual for outstanding and exceptional volunteer service to the community at-large.

Gary Soule, director of the junior golf program at Braemar and Fred Richards Executive golf courses, was given the 2002 honor. Soule organizes staff, budget,



Pianist Jim Shannon provided entertainment for the All-Volunteer Awards reception.

events and volunteers for the program, which serves approximately 350 youth during a six-week summer period. Soule has dedicated his time to the program for the past six years, volunteering more than 300 hours.

In addition to his involvement in the youth golf program, Soule serves as president of the Braemar Men’s Club, which has a membership of 350. In this capacity, he directs a board that oversees numerous events and golf activities. Since 1999, Soule has been a Guardian ad Litem for Hennepin County courts, representing the interests of minor children in court. He presently has a caseload of five. Each case requires 10 to 15 hours of his time per month.

Mayor’s Outstanding Senior Commendation

Awarded to a senior citizen for outstanding volunteer service within the community.

The Edina Senior Center Advisory Council was presented the 2002 award. Members of the Council are Bernice Amacher, Kay Bach, Charlotte Burrell, Emery Erickson, rubye Erickson, Jeanne Fish, LeRoy Fish, Mary Hertogs, Joyce Hirabayashi, Baba Honmyhr, Mary Jackson, Bob Kojetin, Leon Lander, Harold Larson, Lila Larson, Joan Lonsbury, Barbara Morris, Catherine Mulholland, Mary Lou Rossini, Virginia Shaw, Jim Van Valkenburg and Doris Westergren. The Council was instrumental in planning the new Edina Senior Center, which opened in late February at Grandview Square in a building shared with the Edina Community Library.

Mayor’s Youth Commendation

Awarded to an outstanding young person who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in the community.

Edina High School senior Caitlin Rogers was presented the 2002 award. Rogers has helped guide programming for Edina Public Schools as a youth representative on the Youth Development – Youth Service Advisory Council and the Community Education Services Board. As a peer educator, she has communicated important information to other high school students to help put a stop to sexual violence. During winter break, she takes her trombone to area nursing homes to play music for the residents. For the past two years, Rogers has spent her spring break volunteering with Habitat for Humanity to help eliminate housing poverty.

Mayor’s Community Involvement Commendation

Awarded to a City employee for outstanding volunteer service to the community, above and beyond his or her position with the City.

This year, Adaptive Recreation Supervisor Susie Miller and Recreation Supervisor Donna Tilsner were each given the award.

For the past year, Miller volunteered her evening and weekend hours to assist with the Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange production of “Totally Talents & Tunes,” a successful musical that included a large cast of adult actors, most of whom have developmental

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On behalf of the Edina Senior Advisory Council, Kay Bach accepted the Mayor's Outstanding Senior Commendation.

disabilities. She was instrumental in fund-raising efforts that secured more than \$16,000 for the program. In addition, for the past several years, Miller has served as staff liaison to the Fourth of July Parade Planning Committee. She has helped raise money, solicit volunteers, secure parade participants and hire entertainment.

“Susie is a willing volunteer who devotes many hours on evenings and weekends,” Maetzold said before presenting the award. “She takes the initiative to offer new and exciting programs for special populations and always goes the extra mile to respond to residents and find ways to meet their expectations.”

Most recently, Tilsner volunteered evening and weekend hours to assist with the production of “Totally Talents & Tunes.” She assumed many duties during the two March productions, including moving props, opening and closing curtains and assisting actors with a variety of needs. Last fall, Tilsner helped plan a special Connecting With Kids event called “Catch It” for the first day of the 2001-2002 school year. Her duties included attending numerous committee meetings and, beginning at 5 a.m. on the day of the event, placing signs throughout the community.

“Donna consistently goes above and beyond her job responsibilities for the sake of serving the community and improving the quality of life,” Maetzold said. “Donna has a can-do attitude that is well respected and admired by residents and peers. She always goes the extra mile to do what is best for the community and our residents.”

Many service organizations also recognized their own exemplary volunteers at the reception. Awards were presented to: Bea Rasmussen, Athena Women’s Club; Dodie “Dodo” Paul, Edina Art Center; Rachael Pream and Sandy Stein, Edina Chemical Health Partners; Kevin Ries, Edina Community Foundation; Deb Decker, Edina Family Center; Sandy Phillips, Edina Federated Women’s Club; Marge Ruedy, Edina Garden Council; Cathy Cella, Edina Girls Athletic Association; Brenda Erickson, Edina Historical Society; Mary Felty, Edina Lions Club; Sandee Middleton, Edina Recycling and Solid Waste Commission; Colleen Crew, Edina Women’s Club; Mary Jo Jeppeson and Lisa Foslein, Fairview

Womankind/Fairview Southdale Hospital; Blair Schipper, Southdale YMCA; Bob Sorensen, Southdale Y’s Men’s Club; Anna Carpenter, Ellyn Couillard, Sheila Frankfurt, Helen Gappa, Lindsay Garlock, Diana Grande, Jeff Gutkowski, Chrissy Kenney, Cassie Philipps and Caitlin Rogers, Edina High School Youth Development – Youth Service; and Rick Matson, Dean Dahl, Dan Geere, Rachel Christian, Stephanie Grimes and Susan Lyke, Edina Middle School Youth Development – Youth Service.

“Volunteerism is very important to Edina,” Maetzold said. “Thousands of hours given by volunteers help make our community the premier place for living, learning, raising families and doing business.”

For more information on the All-Volunteer Awards Reception or the Mayor's Commendations, contact Human Services Coordinator Susan Heiberg, 952-826-0403.

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For more information, call Edina Public Works, 952-826-0311.

*Minnesota Vikings Head Coach
Presented Championship Ring*

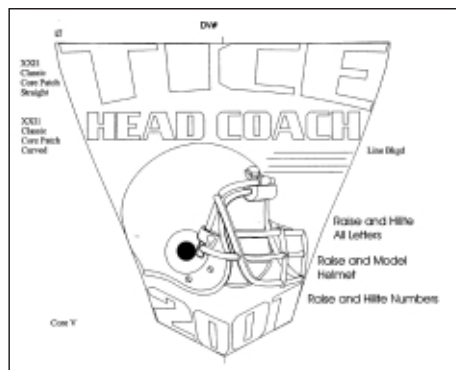
He has coached just one game as head coach of the Minnesota Vikings football team, but Mike Tice was recently presented his first championship ring.

When Tice was hired last fall, a reporter asked if he had any experience as a head coach. Tice quipped that he had – as head coach of his son’s seventh-grade football team in Edina. Tice led Team 4 of the Edina Football Association’s seventh-grade program to a championship victory in October 2001.

Capitalizing on the joke and as a way of thanking Tice for his involvement in the local recreation program, Assistant Park and Recreation Director Ed MacHolda worked with John Abel of Josten's to produce a replica of a Super Bowl ring. Abel and Mayor Dennis Maetzold surprised Tice with the large ring at Edina's All-Volunteer Awards Reception, held April 18 at Edinborough Park.



Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice was presented a championship ring at Edina's All-Volunteer Awards Reception in April. Tice lead his son's seventh-grade football team to a championship victory in October 2001.



Josten's created the replica of a Super Bowl ring for Tice. Drawings of the ring show the emblems and text used by Josten's.

Tice was told the reception was a fund-raiser for the Edina Football Association, so he was completely surprised when Maetzold called him to the stage to accept the gift from Josten's. The ring is nearly identical to those made for winners of the Super Bowl. It has a football helmet on one side and the team's logo on the other. A large diamond is set in the ring's dark green top, which reads "Edina 7th Grade Football Champion." Tice's name is engraved inside of the ring.

"I was tickled when I heard Mike's quote on the radio about his 'head-coaching' experience. It was good for Edina and even better for Edina park and recreation," MacHolda said. "It was fun to see Mike be surprised with the ring. I think he was truly touched. He even wore it to work the next day."

*For more information on youth athletic programs in Edina,
contact the Edina Park and Recreation Department,
952-826-0367.*

About Town Receives National Award



The City of Edina's quarterly magazine, *About Town*, recently received first place in the National Association of Government Communicators' (NAGC) Blue Pencil award competition.

Edina Communications Director Jennifer Wilkinson was presented the award during NAGC's 2002 Communications School in Arlington, Va. The DuPage Conservationist, published by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Illinois, tied with *About Town* for first place in the "newsletter" category of the awards competition. Receiving second place was Maryland Roads by the Maryland State Highway Administration. Smithsonian Institution Research Reports by the Smithsonian Institute received an honorable mention.

At the awards banquet, one of the Blue Pencil judges commented on the sophisticated writing, unique design and economical use of just two ink colors per issue of *About Town*.

The City of Edina has produced *About Town* since 1990. The purpose of the magazine, distributed to all households and most businesses in the City, is to keep residents and business people informed of news, activities and programs that are important to them. Articles of interest about citizens and community history are included as well. Stories and photographs are meant to leave the reader with a heightened sense of community.

About Town is a recognized and well-read piece of information. As part of a recent survey commissioned by

the City, residents were asked, “Do you recall receiving the City newsletter titled *About Town* during the past year?” Of those who responded, 85 percent remembered receiving the magazine. Those people were then asked, “How effective is the City newsletter in keeping you informed about activities in the City?” Of those who answered, 83 percent said the magazine is effective.

AboutBusiness was introduced in January 2002 as a supplement to *About Town*. It is a quarterly publication produced to keep Edina business people informed of local government news, activities and programs of importance. Regular features include briefs on amendments made to the City Code, updates on projects recently approved by the City Council, Staff Notes and information on commercial crime. Articles about other City departments, volunteers, service organizations and community history also appear in the publication from time to time. The magazine is distributed to all commercial entities in the City with a total circulation of 3,500.

For more information on About Town or AboutBusiness or any of the City's other publications, contact Wilkinson, 952-832-6063.

VEAP Continues Back-To-School Program

Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP) needs your help in giving our neighborhood children the opportunity to start the school year with the basic supplies necessary for a good education.

VEAP's Back-to-School Program provides every child in need with a bag of basic school supplies, plus a backpack or calculator and six pairs of socks and underwear. Last year, more than 1,100 children received supplies, which was a 15 percent increase over the prior year. Based on statistics from its other programs, VEAP officials expect a similar double-digit increase in usage this year.

VEAP distributes an average of \$71 in school supplies, socks and underwear to each child to ensure that he or she has the basic tools necessary to start the school year off right. You can make a real difference in a child's education by donating some of the items on the wish list below or by sponsoring a child with a monetary donation.

VEAP'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL WISH LIST:

- Socks* Boys' sizes 7-8½ and 9-11
Men's sizes 10-13
Girls' sizes 7-8½
Women's sizes 9-11
- Underwear* Boys' sizes 8-18
Men's sizes S-XL
Girls' sizes 14 and 16
Women's sizes 5-8
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- Erasers Full-size
- No. 2 pencils Packages of 8-10
- Glue Elmer's white
- Highlighters
- Ink pens blue or black ink only

* Most needed items

VEAP, which serves the communities of Edina, Bloomington and Richfield, cannot accept donations of used items.

Donations should be sent to the VEAP office, 9731 James Ave. S., Bloomington, by Aug. 23. Collection sites will be set up in the community by July 30. Volunteer opportunities begin Aug. 2. Donated items will be distributed during the last week of August.

For more information, contact VEAP at 952-888-9616, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meet Police Officers, Firefighters At Safety Camp

Eat breakfast with police officers and firefighters. Then, after filling up on a nutritious meal, learn about safety while having fun with Edina's men and women in blue. Students entering the fourth-grade are invited to join McGruff the Crime Dog and Sparky the Fire Dog for these exciting activities and more at Safety Camp 2002.

Safety Camp will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, on the field behind Fire Station No. 2, 7335 York Ave. S. The day will begin with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast with police officers, paramedics/firefighters. Later in the day, paramedics/firefighters will teach First Aid and fire safety. The Fire Department's Special Operations Team will demonstrate rappelling. Police officers will discuss street

safety and animal control. Other Twin Cities-area agencies will present information on such topics as water and electrical safety. The Minnesota State Patrol will fly a helicopter to the field. The Edina Rotary Club will sponsor a special guest speaker, Don Bania. Lunch will be served and games played as part of the day.

"We are very excited about Safety Camp," said Fire Marshal Tom Jenson, who is helping to plan this year's event. "We feel it is our responsibility to teach children how to keep themselves safe. What better way for them to learn than by having fun at the same time!"

Safety Camp will be held rain or shine. Cost is \$5 for breakfast and \$10 per child for the camp, which includes lunch and a souvenir T-shirt. Registration is limited, so call today!

For more information or to register, call the Edina Park and Recreation Department, 952-826-0367.



Children will hear from many speakers on such topics as First Aid, fire and street safety and animal control.



Safety Camp 2002 will offer an exciting day of learning and fun for children starting fourth-grade. Kids will receive a free T-shirt and have the chance to meet Sparky the Fire Dog and McGruff the Crime Dog, as well as play in water from a fire hose.

SHIELD Handles Concerns With Children's Development

“Is this normal behavior?”
“Should my child be walking by now?”

These are the types of questions that are answered by SHIELD — a free, early intervention referral service for children in Edina, Bloomington, Eden Prairie and Richfield.

SHIELD is the starting point for many parents who have questions about their child's development. A parent can call SHIELD if they have any concerns about how their child is seeing, hearing, moving, eating, talking, playing, learning, behaving, or if a child has a medical diagnosis affecting development.

Every child develops at his or her own pace, yet there are particular skills such as walking and talking that are expected by a certain age. If a baby or child hasn't reached a skill or developmental milestone by that age, it might signal that help, or early intervention, is needed. This is when SHIELD steps in. With one phone call, SHIELD helps families find and coordinate services in the community for their child.

SHIELD is an interagency service comprising. Agencies are Early Childhood Special Education, Bloomington Public Health, Hennepin County Children and Family Services, and Early Childhood Family Education. Services provided through SHIELD are free and available for children from birth to 36 months of age. A parent, daycare coordinator, preschool, friend, physician or community agency can begin the referral

process for any child suspected of having a development problem. Yet it is usually after a visit to the child's pediatrician, or at the suggestion of a grandparent or someone else close to the family, that a parent makes the call to SHIELD.

Barb, a public health nurse, is one of the first people to talk to the family after a call is made to SHIELD. She gently asks and answers parent's questions and concerns about the child. After the initial phone screening, an evaluation takes place in the family's home or other convenient, familiar setting where the child feels comfortable. A speech therapist may accompany Barb on the initial visit.

If it is determined that the child needs further assessment, the school district is notified and an assessment team is put together. The team involves an early childhood special education teacher and may include an occupational therapist, physical therapist, school psychologist, or speech pathologist. Barb also looks at other services that may be needed such as parent support resources, health care, or social services. Barb stays with the family, guiding them through the intake process, until the child enters the Early Childhood Services through the local school district.

Getting help early is very important. “Children who are developmentally delayed and receive services early do better in school,” Barb said. “They also have a better chance to live up to their full potential. For instance, if a

hearing problem is caught early enough, a child's speech may not be delayed!

“Children grow and learn so much during their first years of life; sometimes it's hard to see or know if there is any problem. However, if a parent has any questions or suspects their child may have a developmental delay, they should call us at SHIELD. We can help.”

SHIELD serves families in Edina, Eden Prairie, Bloomington, and Richfield. To contact SHIELD, call 952-563-8900. If your child is older than 3, please call your local school district early learning program.

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Kiffmeyer Gives Four Decades To Edina Softball Program

After calling games in Edina for more than 40 years, Umpire-in-Chief Wally Kiffmeyer recently turned in his facemask and pads. Kiffmeyer, a Bloomington resident, officiated his last softball game in Edina at the end of the 2001 season. This year, he is watching games from behind the backstop.

At the age of 34, Kiffmeyer was pulled out of the stands to officiate when an umpire did not show up for a game. Kiffmeyer enjoyed the game from his new position on the field and was certified as an umpire by the American Softball Association (ASA).

Kiffmeyer began officiating games in Edina for the YMCA. Later, former Park and Recreation Director and City Manager Ken Rosland recruited Kiffmeyer to coordinate umpires for the City program. At the time, he organized schedules for five umpires. Before the start of his last season with the Edina Park and Recreation Department, he sent out more than 85 recruitment letters, ultimately overseeing 25 for the summer adult softball program.

“Working as Umpire-in-Chief is more than just assigning umpires to games,” Kiffmeyer said. “It’s recruiting, training and supervising.”



After working as Umpire-in-Chief for the Edina Park and Recreation Department’s adult softball program for more than four decades, Wally Kiffmeyer is watching this year’s local games from behind the backstop.

Kiffmeyer said officiating games is also sometimes misunderstood. “Officiating games is more than just calling balls and strikes,” he said. “To be a good umpire, you have to know the rules, the best positions to be in to make calls, timing and signals. Being an umpire requires a lot of skill.”

The husband, father of two and grandfather of three has had a very successful career as an umpire.

Highlights of his career include:

- Induction into the National Indicator Fraternity (1986)
- Induction into the Minnesota Hall of Fame (1989)
- Umpire-in-Chief of the Minnesota Special Olympics Summer Games (1993)
- Recipient of the Regional Umpire Award of Excellence (1994)
- Induction into the National Wheelchair Association Hall of Fame (1999)

At the end of the 2001 season, Kiffmeyer, then 77, had officiated more than 2,000 games in Edina and supervised umpires for more than 20,000 others. Kiffmeyer primarily officiates slow-pitch softball, but also works fast-pitch games.

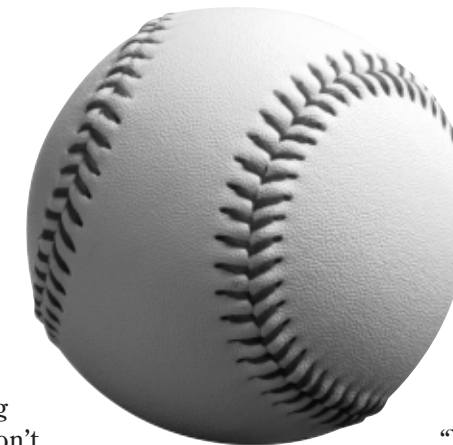
“As a softball Hall-of-Famer, Wally is truly a legend in his own time,” said Park and Recreation Director John

Keprios. “I don’t know anyone else who has trained and mentored as many adult softball umpires as Wally. He is amazing. He is over 70 years old and still has that strong passion and professional commitment to the game of softball. For over 40 years as Umpire-In-Chief, Wally has endured the stress and challenge of playing the role of judge and jury both on and off the field and has done admirably. He is the standard by which others are and will be judged. Edina’s adult softball players over the past 40-plus years owe Wally a great deal of gratitude for making their games fair and fun.”

Kiffmeyer has been part of many exciting games. He insists players do not have to be excellent athletes to play a good game. “A good game is people hustling in and out and concentrating on the game,” he said. “If players are bored, they are thinking about everything but the game. You don’t get a 31-minute ball game if players are bored.”

Kiffmeyer, who proudly wears a gold facemask charm on a chain around his neck, is especially complementary to the Edina Park and Recreation softball program. “Edina has to have one of the top programs around,” he said. “The program is fun; it isn’t cut-throat. People really seem to enjoy themselves when they play on the local fields.”

City staff members credit Kiffmeyer with some of the success of the adult softball program. “Wally has been a corner stone in our adult softball program for many years,” said Recreation Supervisor Donna Tilsner. “He has such an understanding of the game and is a walking encyclopedia of knowledge of the rules. He treats people with respect and he will be missed in our program.”



This spring, Edina Mayor Dennis Maetzold presented Kiffmeyer with a Resolution of Appreciation. “[Wally] consistently demonstrated his commitment to excellence with the Edina adult softball program through his recruitment, training and scheduling of umpires who have officiated over 20,000 games ... [and] has always exemplified and demanded the highest professional standards, ethical values and dedication in his professional umpires,” Maetzold said as he presented the award. “Wally Kiffmeyer has helped make the City of Edina an outstanding community for adult softball.”

Although he is no longer officiating games for the local Park and Recreation Department, Kiffmeyer continues to officiate ASA games in other communities. “I will officiate as long as I can,” Kiffmeyer quipped. “It’s good exercise and keeps you healthy. It keeps your head going. Officiating has made me a better person.”

Edina Newcomers And Friends Welcomes Its 50-Year Anniversary

In the fall of 1952, three women, all new to the Morningside neighborhood, met with a representative from the Welcome Wagon to form a club for newcomers to Edina. Two years later, the group became the Edina Newcomers Club (ENC).

For most of its 50 years, the club’s purpose has been to help “new” women of Edina get acquainted with other “new” women in Edina. ENC’s mission remains to seek out and welcome women who wish to establish a social network in a fun, friendly and inviting atmosphere.

But membership is no longer restricted to residents of Edina. Now called Edina Newcomers and Friends, the club invites all women — from neighboring communities, whether new or old to the area, residents or businesspeople, single or married, young or more mature – to join. While many members have found their way to the club from all corners of the world, others have been Edina residents for years. Together, they represent a fascinating variety of ages, backgrounds and cultures.

“Some members of the Edina Newcomers and Friends Club have been residents of Edina for decades. Some are brand new to Edina. Some are brand new to the state. Some are brand new to the country,” said Sally Ebnet, current

president of the club. “We have a nice mix of backgrounds. There are always new people to get to know.”

Ebnet said the club can be particularly helpful to women who know little about Edina. “With the Edina Newcomers and Friends Club, new residents have an instant social circle,” she explained. “The club can be sort of a lifeline. Newcomers have someone to answer their questions and have fun with. Many friendships blossom at club events.”

Many members of the club are no longer newcomers to the community. Once a woman joins the club, she is welcome to belong as long as she likes. For example, Joanne Scott has been a member for more than 20 years.



Joanne Scott and Dianne Gilbertson enjoy tea at a recent party hosted by Edina Newcomers and Friends Club member Brenda Barney-Loken.

In the early 1950s, bridge, bowling and a couples’ dance group were the only three activities of the club. Over the years, ENC has reflected the changing interest of its members. In the 1980s, at the height of the club’s membership, more than 25 different activities were available to more than 450 members.

ENC still offers a variety of daytime activities. The club’s monthly newsletter offers the approximately 100 current members luncheons and coffees, bridge and golf leagues, and tours



The Edina Newcomers and Friends Club offers daytime, evening and weekend activities for women “new” to Edina. Many activities are held at members’ homes.

evening book discussion group, were added.

Spouses are included in Saturday-night gourmet dinner parties, outings to Twin Cities restaurants and other not-for-couples-only events.

“The Edina Newcomers and Friends Club has something for nearly everyone,” Ebnet said. “If we don’t have something that immediately interests you, you are welcome to start a new group to find others who share your passion.”

For more information about Edina Newcomers and Friends (ENC) and its upcoming activities and events, call the ENC Hotline, 952-942-7414.

of local museums and points of interest.

In the late 1990s, the group recognized the changing demographics and needs of suburban women. As a result, there are now day, evening and weekend activities planned through the club. Ladies Night Out events, ranging from ethnic dining, theater outings, fondue and tea parties, along with an



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Edina Resource Center Makes Connections In Community



Connecting families and individuals to community information, resources and supports is nothing new for the new Edina Resource Center.

The Edina Resource Center is located in Room 336 of the Edina Community Center in the space formerly called “FamiLink – Edina.” Although the name on the door has changed, staff and services have not.

The Edina Resource Center offers free services to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Edina. The goal of the Resource Center is to provide connections to and information about community resources, services and supports. The Edina Resource Center provides connections to such things as employment, education, housing, childcare, transportation, counseling and legal assistance.

“Many of us can feel overwhelmed by the maze of figuring out whom to call for what resource,” said Coordinator Valerie Burke. “Common things we hear are: ‘We are worried about how forgetful our aging parent is becoming.’ ‘We need help staying in our home, but we don’t want to burden anyone.’ ‘We just moved to Edina and we don’t know anything about schools and activities.’ ‘I’ve got a sixth-grader home for the summer and he doesn’t want a

babysitter.’ ‘I’ve got a 10th-grader who is becoming withdrawn. Is this normal? Who should I talk to?’ ‘I heard about an upcoming event, but I can’t remember the details.’ ‘I have time to volunteer in the community. Where do I start?’

“The Edina Resource Center is there for you – whatever your question, whatever your issue. Your call or visit is confidential and free and you are always greeted by someone with a service-minded attitude. We are happy to receive your call.”

For more information on the Edina Resource Center, call 952-848-3936. The Center is located in the Edina Community Center, 5701 Normandale Road.

Rosland Park To Be Site Of IronKids Bread Triathalon

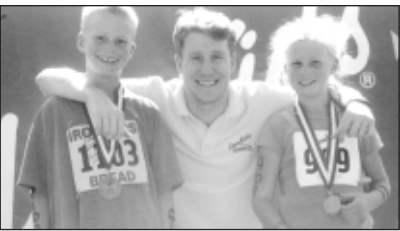
The City of Edina next month will host the 2002 IronKids Bread Triathlon. Children from all over the metropolitan area ages 7 to 14 will swim, bike and run in and around Rosland Park Sunday, Aug. 18.

Children participating in the event will be broken into two groups: a junior division for boys and girls ages 7 to 10 and a senior division for those ages 11 to 14. Sanctioned by USA Triathlon, the junior IronKids Bread Triathlon includes a 100-meter swim, 3.1-mile bike ride and 0.6-mile run. The senior competition includes a 200-meter swim, 6.2-mile bike ride and 1.2-mile run. Children can participate as individuals or in relays. Relay teams can be all girls, all boys or co-ed.

The IronKids Bread Triathlon series started in 1985. Since then more than 40,000 kids have participated. Last year was the first year the event was held in Minnesota. That event was also held in Edina at Rosland Park (formerly Lake Cornelia Park).

“Swimming, biking and running combine in an exciting race that promotes self-confidence, physical fitness and a positive attitude,” said Assistant Park and Recreation Director Ed MacHolda, co-race director. “The IronKids Bread Triathlon is an exciting event for all involved.”

Last year, more than 100 children participated in the local event. “Over the years, there have been many different events at Rosland Park, but the park looked the most festive it ever has at last year’s



At last year’s IronKids Bread Triathlon in Edina, 2000 Olympic triathlete Hunter Kemper posed with Michael and Christine Lund. Michael was the bronze-medal winner for boys age 11. Christine was the silver-medal winner for girls age 9.

IronKids Bread Triathlon. The balloons, flags, awards podium and other decorations added a lot of excitement to the event.”

This year, MacHolda hopes at least 200 children will register for the triathlon. Every finisher is a winner. Everyone that competes gets to break the finishers’ tape and receive an event T-shirt, IronKids pin and a swim cap. In addition, the City will give each participant a one-day pass to the Aquatic Center.

All entries must be mailed with fee and proofs of purchase to IronKids Bread Triathlon, P.O. Box 241, Sylvester, GA. 31791-0241 before Aug. 9.

Applications will be accepted after the deadline for an additional fee. Cost for individuals is \$20 plus two proofs of purchase from IronKids Bread. Cost for relays is \$30 plus six proofs of purchase. Official entry forms are available through the City’s Park and Recreation Department, 4801 W. 50th St., or the Edina Aquatic Center, 4300 W. 66th St.

Similar events were held earlier this year in Phoenix, Ariz.; Charleston, SC; Panama City, Fla.; Austin, Texas; and Memphis, Tenn. Events will be held later this summer in Denver, Colo.; St. Louis, MO; Edina; and Sacramento, Calif.

For more information on the IronKids Bread Triathlon, call 1-888-796-2576; visit the event website, www.ironkids.com; or contact the City’s Park and Recreation Department, 952-826-0367. About 100 volunteers are needed the day of the event. To volunteer, contact MacHolda, 952-826-0431.

City Celebrates Independence Day With ‘Something Old, Something New, Something Red, White & Blue’



The Lakeville High School Marching Band will play tunes for the seventh-annual July 4th parade this year, as they did in 2001.

“Something old, something new, something red, white and blue” will make its way down 50th Street in Edina during the seventh-annual Independence Day parade July 4th.

One of the City’s most popular events of the year, the grand spectacle attracts thousands of people along the parade route, which begins behind Edina City Hall and winds its way to the intersection of 50th Street and Halifax Avenue in downtown Edina.

This year’s parade will honor public service professionals. Edina Police Officer Mike Blood, who was wounded in a bank robbery in November 2000, will be grand marshal. Police officers, firefighters and veterans will also be

honored. More than 40 veterans will be part of the parade.

The generosity of local businesses has allowed the Parade Planning Committee to expand entertainment for this year’s event. The parade’s Gold Level Community Patrons include Crown Bank, Fairview Southdale Hospital, Key Cadillac and Oldsmobile, North American Banking Co. and Verizon Directories.

“Involvement by local businesses helps make the parade bigger and better each year,” said Laurie Powers-Jung, chairwoman of the Parade Planning Committee. “Sponsorships allow the Committee to bring in the type of entertainment residents and visitors have come to expect at this parade.”

Among the featured entertainment will be high school marching bands from Alexandria, Lakeville, New Richland, Wis., and Richfield; Minnesota Pipes and Drums; First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band and Chop Stix, Top Chops and Hot Chops. Many costumed characters will also make appearances.

As in past years, the Parade Planning Committee is encouraging some friendly competition among Edina’s residents and businesses.

Parade units will be judged before the 10 a.m. start of the parade for their creativity and overall parade impact. Ribbons will be given to the first-, second- and third-place winners. The annual essay and coloring contest, “Why I

Should Be the Kid Who Starts the Parade,” will be conducted beforehand to determine the best person to blow the whistle at the start of the parade.

New to the festivities is “Yankee Doodle Doorstep.” Homeowners and business people can participate by decorating patio planters, storefronts or lawns in advance of the national holiday. “Home and businesses of all size can participate. Those with apartments or small storefronts can decorate windows or patio planters outside. Those with big lawns can take advantage of the space to really make a statement,” said Susie Miller, Recreation Supervisor and staff liaison to the Parade Planning Committee. “We would really like to see red, white and blue from every street in the community.



Children are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to the parade or decorate their bicycles.

“This is not competition in the truest sense of the word. Yankee Doodle Doorstep is meant to generate excitement for the holiday and the City’s seventh-annual parade. It is also an opportunity for residents and businesses to pay tribute to our country and show off their property.”

After the parade, Independence Day celebrations will continue. The Edina Historical Society will give tours at Grange Hall and Old Cahill School in Tupa Park from

10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Edina Art Center will host an open house from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. where visitors can view the Student Art Exhibition.

Wrapping up the holiday, the First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band will perform its traditional July 4th concert in Rosland Park beginning at 8:45 p.m., followed by a spectacular display of fireworks at approximately 10 p.m.

For more information, contact Miller, 952-826-0433, or visit the parade website, www.edinaparade.org.



Many costumed characters, including the Edina Fire Department’s Sparky the Fire Dog, will make appearances at this year’s parade.

Volunteering Changes Life Of Edina Resident

Volunteering changed resident Brenda Erickson's life – literally.

After graduating from St. Olaf College, Erickson was unsure of what to do with her bachelor's degrees in history and American studies. She wasn't interested in teaching and didn't want to pursue a PhD. In need of a job, she took a position in an unrelated position.

After moving to Edina and settling into her job with Stanton Group, Erickson began to think about volunteering in her new community. By chance, she happened past the Edina Historical Museum, 4711 W. 70th St.

"On my way home from work, I would try different routes. One day, on my way through a residential neighborhood, I saw a sign for the museum," Erickson said. "When I got home, I called the museum and left a message indicating my interest in volunteering there. I thought it would be a perfect way for me to reconnect with my love for history."

Executive Director Kathleen Wetherall and Board President Bob Kojetin embraced Erickson. Within a matter of weeks, the pair was teaching her how to complete such tasks as cataloguing photographs, assisting visitors at the museum and planning exhibits.

"I knew right away that I would enjoy my time at the museum," Erickson said. "The more time I spent there, the more I enjoyed it. I began feeling like part of the community."

Wetherall was immediately impressed by Erickson's work. "Brenda was completely interested and involved right away," she said of the volunteer. "She tackled projects and got things done."



Brenda Erickson has been a volunteer at the Edina Historical Museum for three years. However, Erickson will leave Edina at the end of July to pursue at master's degree at the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

For the past three years, Erickson has volunteered at the museum at least two hours per week. Recently, she was named to the Board, volunteering a few additional hours per month. Most of Erickson's time is spent cataloguing photographs. As part of the process, the subject of each photo is identified before the photo is encased in protective material and filed. Most recently, Erickson helped put together the Edina Historical Society's winter exhibit, "Looking Glass: Our Country's History Reflected Through Edina's Pioneer Women." The exhibit takes visitors through the 19th and 20th centuries. The lives of about 30 women are highlighted.

"A lot of people think of Edina as a bedroom community to those who work in Minneapolis," Erickson said. "Those people don't realize that Edina has a very rich history. I am particularly proud of the women's exhibit. I think people are interested to learn

about national historical events while learning about local women."

On breaks from cataloguing photos and working on exhibits, Erickson reads publications produced by other historical agencies from around the country. She was surprised to find many classified ads for "real history jobs with real salaries." About a year ago, she began researching schools that offer master's programs in history.



Brenda is particularly proud of her work on the current exhibit at the museum, "Looking Glass: Our Country's History Reflected Through Edina's Pioneer Women."

With encouragement from Wetherall, Kojetin and others at the museum, Erickson applied and was accepted to the University of Missouri at St. Louis where she will begin work this fall toward a master's degree in history with a concentration on museum studies. She has been awarded a fellowship with the Missouri Historical Society, where she will assist the Society with its American Association of Museum re-accreditation process. As part of her fellowship, Erickson will work 20 hours per week in exchange for tuition, fees and a generous stipend.

"If I had never driven down 70th Street, I would not be doing this. Volunteering at the museum changed my life," said the 29-year-old. "I can't imagine being at this point in my life without the Edina Historical Society."

Wetherall is confident Erickson will succeed in her newly chosen career path. "Brenda is a treasure. She has done so much for our museum that I have no doubt that she will be good at this type of work wherever she is."

Kojetin echoed her comments. "Brenda has been an excellent volunteer and member of our board," he said. "She has had many good ideas that have furthered the museum and preservation of Edina's history. Brenda will be sorely missed."

Erickson is proud to have given back to the community and encourages others to volunteer. "I have a pretty drastic story about how volunteering can change your life, but it doesn't have to be that way," she said. "Volunteering satisfies a desire to be part of the community. You get a lot back when you give."

The Edina Historical Museum, located in Arneson Acres Park, is open 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays and by appointment.

For more information about the exhibit or to arrange a tour, call the Edina Historical Society, 952-928-4577.

Edina to Be Site of 2002 Solheim Cup

This September, Edina residents will have a front row seat to witness women’s professional golf’s most prestigious event – The Solheim Cup.

The world’s golfing community will be tuning in to NBC to watch an event that will bring thousands of visitors to Interlachen Country Club September 17 – 22 when the top U.S.-born players on the LPGA Tour will compete against the top European-born players from the Ladies European Tour.

Interlachen Country Club, site of previous major events such as the 1993 Walker Cup and 1930 U.S. Open, worked very hard to be the host site for The Solheim Cup and was awarded this honor in 1996.

“We are very excited about finally being in the year of The Solheim Cup and getting ready to host such an outstanding event,” said Kay Pfouts, Interlachen member and chairwoman of the event.

Sponsored by PING golf equipment, The Solheim Cup is named in honor of the company’s founder, Karsten Solheim and his family. PING is a long-time supporter of women’s professional golf and has sponsored The Solheim Cup since its inception in 1990.

The six-day event features three days of practice rounds and three days of matches. The format for match days feature four foursomes and four fourball matches on each of the first two days, with 12 singles matches on the final day. Europe, the defending champions, will need 14 points



Beautiful Interlachen Country Club is site of the 2002 Solheim Cup. Interlachen was awarded the honor in 1996.

to retain the Cup, with USA, the challengers, needing 14.5 points to win The Solheim Cup.

The United States has never lost on home soil, and U.S. captain Patty Sheehan, an LPGA Tour Hall of Famer and member of three teams, has the task of regaining the Cup from the Europeans. “As a player, I loved The Solheim Cup ... it was one of the most difficult weeks, [but] one of the most enjoyable. I loved the sense of family, camaraderie,

fierce competition and, of course, representing my country. It is a very special week. The Solheim Cup is always a great display of women’s professional golf, and 2002 will be the best yet.”

Scotland’s Dale Reid will return as the head of the European squad. The United States leads the series 4-2, with the Europeans winning in 2000.



Patty Berg is the honorary event chairwoman of The Solheim Cup. Berg, a founder of the LPGA Tour, grew up playing golf at Interlachen Country Club, site of this year’s prestigious event.

Making this event even more special will be area native Patty Berg serving as honorary chairwoman. Berg is not only a founder of the LPGA Tour and member of its Hall of Fame, but grew up playing golf at Interlachen Country Club. In addition, she is a member of Minnesota Women’s Athletic Department Hall of Fame.

“The Solheim Cup is a wonderful event, and I am thrilled to be a part of it, especially since it will be at Interlachen and in my hometown. Minneapolis is a great city, full of the best golf fans in the world,” Berg said.

Members of the 2002 Solheim Cup teams will not be

announced until Labor Day weekend at the conclusion of the State Farm Classic in Springfield, Ill. While we won’t know until then whom will make the team, fans can track current Solheim Cup point standings by logging on to www.solheimcup.com. Current point leader is Laura Diaz, followed closely by Solheim Cup team veterans Dottie Pepper, Rosie Jones and Juli Inkster, as well as newcomers Christie Kerr and Wendy Ward.

The European Team will again be strong with the No. 1 player in the world, Annika Sorenstam, leading the way. In 2000, the European Team was made up of six Swedish players including Carin Koch, Helen Alfresson and Liselotte Neumann. Carin Koch sunk the winning putt in 2000 for Europe.

Tickets for The Solheim Cup can be purchased by calling 1-800-2SOLHEIM or online at www.solheimcup.com. Weeklong tickets are \$50, which includes three days of practice rounds, opening and closing ceremonies and three days of matches. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult. A limited number of \$100 PING Pavilion tickets have been re-released to the public due to demand. Daily tickets and ticket



Janice Moodie and Annika Sorenstam are members of the European team.

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Dottie Pepper might represent the U.S. in the 2002 Solheim Cup. Pepper is a tournament veteran.

packages are also available with a discount offered for multiple tickets purchased.

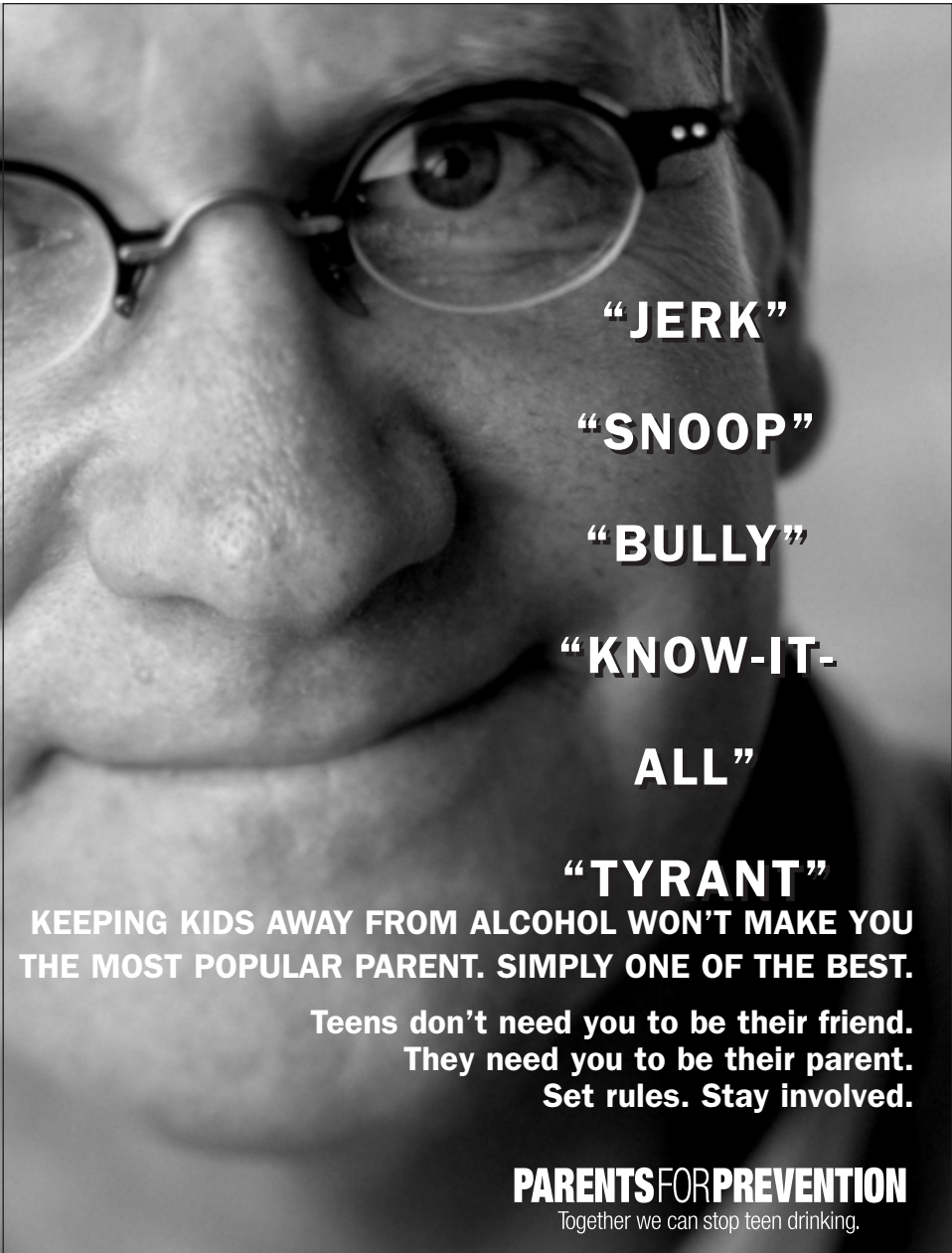
Beautiful Interlachen Country Club will be the site of corporate opportunities including clubhouse hospitality tables in the ballroom, private tents and various advertising packages. Estimated attendance is 20,000 daily. Contact Chris Anderson, Sales and Marketing Director, for more information at 952-746-4040.

Volunteers are still being recruited for a few committees, including player/guest transportation services. Volunteers will transport the pros, their families and special guests in event vehicles. Other on-course openings still exist as well. Contact Cari Obst, volunteer coordinator in the tournament office, for more information.

Plan to attend The Solheim Cup today and be a part of Minnesota golfing history!

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Who:	Top 12 Professional Women Golfers from U.S. and Europe
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